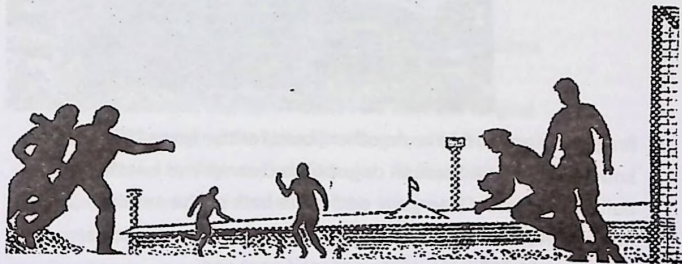


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Braga - Who are ya ? ?

Just exactly who are Sporting Clube de Braga.....

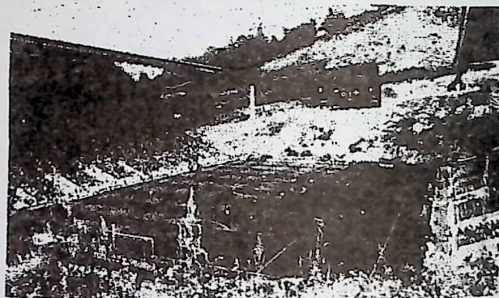
Braga is Portugal's third largest City behind Lisbon and Porto with a population of around 175,000.

Situated on the North western coast,steeped in historical buildings and the City dates back to before the Iron Age.

Football wise they were formed in 1921 and were pretty low key until after WW2. At this stage,they became heavily influenced by Arsenal as club president Jose Antunes Guimaraes had connections in London and wanted to play / look like Arsenal . Not only did they change their kits from Green to match Arsenal's they also changed their nickname to the " The Arsenalists " ,

Success quickly followed and they won the Portuguese Division 2 Title in 1947.

The Quarry



Braga have a ground like no other , built for the Euros 2004 and known as the AXA Stadium or just ' The Quarry ' it is just that , built on a former Quarry site and at the back of the net sits no Spion Kop but the Quarry face. The stadium itself holds a little over 30,000 and is quite a magnificent site.

Braga's manager Jesualdo Ferreira is in his second spell at the club having previously managed them between 2003-2006, In a long career he's managed to spend time at all Portugal's big clubs Benfica,Sporting,Braga and Porto where he had fantastic success winning the league title 3 years on the spin and completing the domestic treble in 2008/09. He's also managed in Spain with Malaga and Greece with Panathinaikos.

Braga shot to bigger fame in 2011 when they reached the Europa League Final. Despite losing the final to fellow countrymen Porto,they claimed the plaudits having knocked out Benfica,Liverpool amongst others out en route.

Local rivalry comes in the form of the Minho derby , played against Vitória de Guimarães - it is a match that both sets of fans eagerly await.

This match is more than football, it is a way people from the north view each city.

The derby is one of Portugal's most intense matches. The rivalry goes back to when the City of Braga was the ancient capital of Gallaecia and the largest Portuguese city by the time the Kingdom of Portugal was formed by Afonso I of Portugal. At that time, Guimarães became the seat of the King and nobility, whereas Braga remained the centre of religious power .

S.C. Braga

Squad 2013 / 2014

GOALKEEPERS

QUIM - Portuguese veteran stopper has served Braga for 13 seasons, either side a stint at Benfica where he won 2 league titles. Champions League experienced player.

CRISTIANO - German born, started his career at Sport Clube de Penafiel do Castelo. Spent 2011/12 season with Valencia but returned to Braga last season.

DEFENDERS

NUNO ANDRÉ COELHO - Portuguese Centre half with recent Champions League experience, failed to make a breakthrough at either Sporting or Porto but certainly in Braga's plans.

RAIANO - Brazilian born defender - full name Wanderson Souza Carneiro, started out at Belenenses before moving onto Pacos de Ferreira. Arrived at Braga 2011/12 season.

ELDERSON - Nigerian international left back - started out with Rennes but only saw 19 outings in 3 years, moved to Braga 2010 and as since made 64 appearances scoring 5 goals, 33 caps for Nigeria and scored in the recent Confederations Cup game against Tahiti.

PAULO VINÍCIUS - Another Brazilian in the ranks, Paulo has played for a few Portuguese teams but in 10 years as a pro he's still to register 100 appearances in total.

Other teams have included Grêmio, Leixões, Olhanense and União Leiria.

DOUGLÃO - Brazilian born 6'4 defender, another who seems to have been round the block but still yet to make 75 starts. Played also with AO Kavalas, Nantes and Internacional.

MIDFIELDERS

DIAMAL MAHAMET - Libyan international, strong defensive midfielder with 7 Libyan caps.

Spent 3 seasons with Beira-Mar making 64 starts before joining Braga in 2011.

CUSTODIO - scored the goal that sent Braga to the Europa League Final 2 years ago against Benfica, a defensive midfielder with 8 full international caps for Portugal, played for Sporting, Vitória and Dynamo Moscow before arriving at Braga 3 years ago.

ALAN - Veteran Brazilian has spent time with Porto, Vitória, Guimarães and Marítimo serving Portugal's top league for over 12 years, making over 300 appearances and scoring 40 goals in the process. Joined Braga in 2008, operates as either a winger or just behind a striker.

HELDER BARBOSA - Pacy left winger who has made 1 full cap for Portugal. Started out at Porto but failed to breakthrough and established himself whilst out on loans with Trofense, Vitória and Académica.

Joined Braga in 2010 and so far 66 games played with a 12 goal return.

PEDRO SANTOS - Left sided midfielder, just joined Braga from Vitória where he made 28 appearances scoring 4 times last season. Prior to that, played for Casa Pia and Leixões.

FORWARDS

EDER - signed from Académica last summer, operates best as a lone striker. Played 18 times last season before a ligament injury cut short his impressive start at Braga and where he found the net 13 times.

5 full international caps for Portugal.

RABIOLA - former Portuguese U21 and U19 player, started with Vitória before being sold to Porto, subsequent loan moves to Vitória, Olhanense and Aves before signing for Braga. There's goals in him, but maybe at a lower level.

ZE LUIS - Cape Verdean international with 7 caps and 1 goal for his country. 69 senior starts with a 26 goal return. Starting his second season at Braga.

CARLAO - Yet another Brazilian, tall front man, played for Japanese Kashima Antlers in 2011, before that had a successful season with União Leiria where in 2009/10 made 54 starts netting 25 times.

Wednesday have played in most of the European Countries in either friendly or full European Competition fixtures via the Fairs Cup and the UEFA Cup. Here we cover Spain , France and Russia.....



CSKA COVER

Russia / Georgia - May/June 1960

The summer of 1960 saw Wednesday take their first steps on Russian soil with 3 games played in 8 days . First up were the CSKA Moscow outfit who beat the Owls 1-0 in front of over 50,000.

Then the long journey south (over 1000 miles) to Tbilisi in Georgia where again Wednesday were beaten by the same scoreline.

The third and final game saw Wednesday at least score a couple (Finney) but to no avail as they went down 3-2 back in Moscow, this time against Lokomotiv.

So 3 games, 3 defeats.....no great record there but Tbilisi came over to Sheffield later that same year and were trounced 5-0 in front of 38,778 fans with Fantham hitting 4 .

The other famous Moscow team Torpedo also visited Hillsborough in late 1959 and Wednesday won 2-1. It must be a thing with Ruskies where the Home team has to win everytime .



France 1935

Wednesday crossed the English Channel twice in this calendar year . Firstly , the Cup Winners went to Paris in May where they thrashed Racing Club de Paris 4-0 with man of the moment Jack Paethorpe scoring a brace with Starling and Surtees also weighing in with goals .

However, the main interest lies with the fixture played on the 1st of December, a wintry Sunday afternoon in Lille.

Here , they met the " Ligue Du Nord " team who were made up of French, Spanish, Polish and English players including Peter O'Dowd ex Chelsea and Burnley. This match finished with the Owls going down 2-3 with Dewar scoring both of Wednesdays.

As kick off approached for this game , a plane flew overhead and dropped the 2 match balls onto the pitch !!!

This I'd like to see at Hillsborough - the SAG would be having kittens!!!

Spain - Barcelona - Fairs Cup 1962

Wednesday's European Campaign came to an end in the Camp Nou in front of over 75,000 fans.

The Owls trying to defend a first leg lead of 3-2 were pegged back early in the first half with Kocsis the dangerous Hungarian grabbing 2 first half goals which ended the tie.

Wednesday had knocked out Lyon and Roma in the previous rounds - how times have changed ? ?



Sheffield Wednesday Squad 2013 / 2014

Chris Kirkland - Started his career with Coventry City before joining Liverpool in 2001. Loan spells at WBA and Wigan before joining Wigan permanently in 2006. Further loan spells before joining Wednesday in the summer of 2012.

Stephen Bywater - Started at Rochdale before Harry Redknapp signed him for West Ham in 1998. Further loans before signing permanently for Derby in 2006. Spent 2 seasons with the Owls.

Lewis Buxton - Predominantly a right back or central defender, started out with Portsmouth, but had loans at Exeter and Bournemouth before joining Stoke City in 2004. Been at Wednesday since 08/09.

Martin Taylor - Current club captain - Central defender with plenty of Premier and Championship experience. Joined the Owls last year from Watford and has previously been at Birmingham and Blackburn.

Anthony Gardner - Has been the subject of a number big money transfers over the years. Started out with Port Vale before being snapped up by Spurs in 2000. Loaned to Everton and Hull City. A move to Hull followed, then Crystal Palace before joining Wednesday last summer.

Reda Johnson - French born, Reda started his career with Gueugnon and Amiens before joining Plymouth in 2009. Moved to the Owls in 2011. Left sided defensively or midfield. High scoring ratio for the Owls.

Kieran Lee - Started out at Manchester United playing in a handful of matches before making the short move to Oldham Athletic where he established himself as a very confident right back or midfield option. Joined Wednesday in 2012 and forced his way into the team in the second half of the season.

Miguel Urea - After playing for a number of clubs in his native Spain, Miguel joined MK Dons in 2008, then Charlton in 2009 before moving north to Blackpool in 2011. Loan spells followed at Brentford, then Wednesday before joining the Owls permanently. A very passionate player.

Joe Mattock - Left back, started out with Leicester City before joining WBA in 2009. Loan spells at Sheff United, Portsmouth and Brighton followed before he joined the Owls last summer on a three year deal.

Giles Coke - Started out with QPR as a youth, before spells at Mansfield, Northampton and Motherwell before joining Wednesday 3 years ago. So far its been a stop start career at S6.

Jermaine Johnson - Jamaican international, JJ started out with local side Tivoli Gardens before playing for Bolton, Oldham and Bradford City. Joined Wednesday in 2007 and been a fans favourite ever since. Electric pace and an eye for the spectacular goals which he has had a few for the Owls.

Wednesday's longest serving player - just renewed his Owls contract for 2013/14.

David Prutton - Started with Nottingham Forest, big money moves to Southampton and Leeds before falling down the leagues to join Colchester and Swindon Town. This will be his third season with the Owls and another who forced his way into the managers thoughts in the second half of last season having previously being loaned out to Scunthorpe.

Jose Semedo - Started his career at Sporting and room shared with a certain Ronaldo II - played in his native Portugal with Farense, Casa Pia before joining Charlton in 2007. Signed for Wednesday in 2011 and instrumental in the promotion campaign 2011/12. A strong defensive midfielder.

Rhys McCabe - Rhys opted to leave Rangers in the summer of 2012 declining to move to the new company. Big things are/were expected of this young Scottish starlet. Central midfielder who likes to spot a killer ball, in and out of the team last season.

Michail Antonio - Sprung in the lower leagues by Reading, Wednesday loaned Michail for their promotion push in season 2011/12 and signed him permanently last summer for a reported £750,000. Fast paced winger who likes to cut in and shoot. Wednesdays star man and biggest goal threat.

Jacques Maghoma - Wednesdays newest recruit, signed from Burton - started out at Tottenham before moving on to Burton where he had 4 seasons scoring 27 goals in 155 starts.

Gary Madine - Started out with Carlisle United, few loan spells at Rochdale, Coventry and Chesterfield before scoring heavily for Carlisle in the first half of season 2010/2011 which prompted Wednesday to fork out £750,000 for his services. Top scorer in 2011/12 before finding his chances limited last season.

Chris Maguire - Left Aberdeen for Derby County but struggled to break thru, loaned to Portsmouth where he did well before joining Wednesday last summer. Confident on the ball and not scared to shoot.

Braga v The English

Braga's pre-season includes games against 4 English clubs , Hull City, Sheffield Wednesday here in Albufeira before they meet Newcastle United and Norwich in the UK . Here's a look at how they have fared against the English down the years mainly via the UEFA/CL & Europa League.

Played 16 games in total , winning 5 , drawing 2 and losing 9.

First up was West Brom in the 78/79 UEFA Cup losing 3 - 0 on aggregate. Then followed a thumping by Tottenham in 84/85 where Spurs won overall 9 - 0 .

In the Champions League they met their Hero's in Arsenal in 2010/11 but again were outclassed 6 - 0 in the 1st leg but managing a very credible 2 - 0 win at home in the reverse fixture which enabled them to qualify as " best losers " for the Europa League .

Here they met Liverpool in the quarter finals winning 1 - 0 at home and gaining a nil all draw at Anfield - this was part of Bragas path to the Europa League Final.

Last season , they zoomed into a 2 - 0 lead at Old Trafford with Brazillian Alan scoring both goals only for United to peg them back in the 2nd half losing 3 - 2.

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